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Fashion Show, at the Portuguese Cultural Centre's International Women's Day Spring Fling, on March 10, featured gowns from Esther's Bridal Boutique.

It had its start as a "Day of Appreciation" at the Portuguese Cultural Centre in Bradford - a day to say thank you to daughters, mothers, wives and grandmothers, on International Women's Day.

The event has evolved into the International Women's Day Spring Fling - a women-only evening of cocktails, dinner, music, a fashion show, door prizes, and fundraising. This year's charity of choice at Spring Fling on March 10, was the Heart & Stroke Foundation.

A share of the proceeds of the evening was earmarked for the Heart & Stroke Foundation, because Heart disease and stroke are the leading causes of death for Canadian women, accounting for nearly 30% of all deaths.

It was a somber reminder at an event otherwise geared towards celebration. The men prepared and served the dinner of chicken, potatoes and rice. Singers Kelly Moniz and Carlos Janeiro entertained. There were gifts from the Centre for every participant.

And a fashion show featured casual clothing from The Gap and elegant gowns from Esther's Bridal Boutique.

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Dramatic ice rescue on Lake Simcoe

Barrie OPP were dispatched to an incident on Lake Simcoe at the 4th Line of Oro-Medonte at 11:55 a.m. on March 9, after receiving a report that numerous ice anglers were stranded on an ice floe that had broken off from shore, and was drifting away from the land in high winds.

Officers requested assistance from the OPP helicopter, as well as Oro-Medonte, Rama, Orillia and Barrie Fire service Air boats, York Regional Police Marine Unit, and Simcoe County Paramedics.

One male was injured when he observed the ice breaking up and attempted to reach shore on his ATV. He fell into the water, striking his head on the ice. He was pulled from the water by other anglers, and airlifted by OPP helicopter to Royal Victoria Hospital, where he was treated for a head injury.

The helicopter returned, and immediately began evacuating the remaining anglers from the ice floe - by now, more than 2 km from shore. The airboats also arrived, and began to ferry the anglers to shore, even as the ice floe drifted and began to break up.

Oro-Medonte Fire crews pulled the last 2 anglers onto their airboat just as the ice disappeared. Two firefighters ended up in the water, but managed to get back aboard. They were 6 km. from shore.

A total of 26 anglers were rescued, including a 12 year old boy. The effort involved about 20 firefighters, 12 paramedics and 15 police officers.

More ice anglers adrift

Innisfil - Two anglers have been brought to shore safely after they were spotted adrift on an ice floe on Lake Simcoe, off Adam St. in Alcona.

Innisfil Fire & Rescue were called in, shortly after noon on March 13, as the men drifted on a piece of ice in open water, about 200 metres offshore. They were rescued by Marine One and brought to shore, without injury.

"At this point, I don't know if we're going to be charging them, but we will be investigating that option," said Innisfil Fire Chief Randy Smith. "The ice was breaking up as they were being rescued."

The rescue comes just days after 26 anglers were plucked from drifting ice floes, off the 4th Line of Oro-Medonte.

Collision results in charges

South Simcoe Police were called to a single vehicle roll-over on March 9, around 11:30 a.m., on Harbour St. in Innisfil. The 18 year old male driver lost control of his vehicle, struck a 911 Sign, and rolled over in the ditch. The driver suffered minor injuries, including a stiff neck and bloody nose, but did not require medical assistance. He has now been charged with Careless Driving, G1 Driver not accompanied by a qualified driver, Drive motor vehicle no permit, Drive motor vehicle no plate, Fail to notify change of address, Fail to apply for permit on becoming owner and No Insurance.

Tragedy at local farm business

Paul Novosad photo

Emergency personnel were called to an "industrial accident" at an agricultural business on Bridge St. in Bradford, around 5:30 p.m. on March 12. A 57 year old Bradford man was found lying on the ground, not breathing, adjacent to equipment at Walter Bak Farms. He was pronounced dead at the scene. The Ministry of Labour and the Coroner's office were called in, and a Post Mortem was scheduled for Tuesday. The Post Mortem confirmed that the man, a long-time employee of the farm and married father of 2, had suffered a fatal heart attack. No foul play is suspected in what police have termed a tragedy and "unfortunate" situation.

Town Staff to get Wellness Subsidy

Town staff will be getting a "wellness subsidy" that will give them an additional 30% off the cost of membership at the Town's new Leisure Centre - on top of the 20% discount already offered.

HR director Kelly Losak made the recommendation, noting that studies have shown a "cost avoidance" when employers offer better access to recreation and healthy lifestyle choices. "It does help reduce absenteeism," she said.

"I support the resolution. I think it's obvious it will lead to better health and wellness," said Mayor Doug White, at an annual estimated cost of $20,000. He asked for a report, after the first year, to quantify the benefits. "I think there's anecdotal evidence. I'd just like to see the proof."

Deputy Mayor Rob Keffer was opposed. "I'm reluctant, because of the taxpayers who are footing the bill for the Leisure Centre," the Deputy Mayor said, calling for "equal opportunity and equal fee structure" for all residents.

The fee subsidy was recommended for approval in a 7-2 vote, and will be coming up in the next meeting of Council, on March 21.

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Error could have cost thousands

A "tragic" error could have cost the Towns of Innisfil and Bradford West Gwillimbury tens of thousands of dollars in revenues - if not for a decision of the Province, this week.

The Province is 'uploading' the cost of prisoner transfers and court security from the municipalities, over the next 7 years, and has asked for details of annual municipal expenditures for court services.

On March 7, Innisfil CFO Lockie Davis told his Council that, instead of providing the annual costs, the South Simcoe Police Service's Financial Dept. submitted the estimated weekly costs, of $25,411 - and did not pass the documents to the "Municipal CFO" for approval, but submitted them directly to the Ministry of Community Safety & Correctional Services.

Bradford West Gwillimbury's treasurer Ian Goodfellow, on reviewing the documents, initially discovered the potential error. He contacted Davis, who worked with South Simcoe Police staff and found that the actual cost to the 2 municipalities for court security and prisoner transfers is in the neighbourhood of $258,000 per year. Davis amended the application - but by that time, the Ministry had already allocated all of the available funding, on a pro-rated basis.

As a result, it looked like Innisfil and BWG would get "significantly less" than they should - several thousand dollars per year, instead of approx. $75,000. Talks with the Ministry have continued, Davis said. "We are doing everything in our power, but they've already divvied up the money."

However, this week there was good news. "The Ministry had advised that they are correcting that," Davis said, and BWG and Innisfil will be getting the appropriate amount.

The Towns have entered into a 3-year agreement with the Ministry for the funding. The decision by the Province means that instead of receiving approximately $22,000 over the 3 years of the contract, the two municipalities will share about $222,000.

The "real" cost of 8th Line-Dissette

Director of Engineering Deb Korolnek has been asked to prepare a full report on the 8th Line-Dissette St. road-widening project, to be presented to BWG Town Council.

The initial engineering estimate for the project was $12 to $14 million, "substantially" less than cutting a new greenfields road between the 8th and 9th Line, Council was told at the time. The estimate did not include land acquisition costs.

Over the 2 years of the project, costs escalated. A preliminary look at the figures suggests that Road Construction and engineering actually cost a whopping $21.2 million - and the land acquisition costs have totalled $11.4 million "to date," said Korolnek.

"We've paid most of the Section 25 offers (expropriations)," but there are still a handful remaining, that could add another $2 million to the bill.

The news is not all grim. The road may end up costing $34 million - but that isn't what taxpayers will be billed. The Town received an Infrastructure grant of $3.94 million, and has been able to use gas tax revenues, gas tax reserves, and Reserve Funds for much of the work. The consultants also determined that 50% of the work is "DC Eligible" - that is, costs can be recovered from Development Charges levied on new development. And the municipality expects to recover some funds from the sale of surplus lands to GO Transit, abutting the train tracks.

In fact, says Korolnek, the taxpayer is on the hook for an estimated $3 million in long-term debt - "a $34 million road for $3 million."

Reconstruction

North Rock Group Ltd. was awarded the contract for the reconstruction of Toronto, James and Hurd Sts. in Bradford - even though it wasn't low bidder, based on corrected tender prices. The low bid was submitted by Trisan Construction - $2.395 million, compared to North Rock's $2.404 million bid.

Although Trisan's tender bid was $5,932 cheaper, the company proposed a construction schedule that was 9 weeks longer. Jones Group Consulting warned that the extra 9 weeks would actually add $40,000 to the cost of the project, for additional site inspections, supervision and administration - not to mention an extra 9 weeks of aggravation for residents - and recommended the North Rock bid. Work is slated to begin April 2012.

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South Simcoe Police Report

Weapons in School

South Simcoe Police were called to Nantyr Shores Secondary School in Innisfil at about 11:45 a.m. on March 7, to a report of a fight between two 18 year old males, possibly involving weapons. When they arrived, they found one male armed with a baseball bat, which he held in a threatening manner, and the other armed with a stick. Police intervened, and there were no injuries. Both were arrested for Weapons dangerous, intended Assault with a weapon, and Threatening, and transported to North Division station. They were both later released on a promise to appear in Court, in mid-April, and an Undertaking with numerous conditions.

Emotionally disturbed

Shortly after 4:30 p.m. on March 10, South Simcoe Police were called to an Innisfil address, where they found a 17 year old male in the midst of an emotional crisis - threatening to harm himself with a large kitchen knife. Officers spoke with the teen in the rear yard of the home, but after 2 hours of negotiations became concerned that the young male, who was in a highly agitated state, might harm himself or an officer. The decision was made to employ a Taser, which resulted in the teen dropping the weapon. Police were able to subdue the teen, and he was taken to hospital to be seen by both a physician, and a crisis worker.

Drive Disqualified

Police investigated a motor vehicle being driven in an erratic manner in Bradford, just before 4 p.m. on March 13. The driver, a 32 year old Bradford man, was found to be disqualified from driving, as a result of a criminal conviction for Impaired. He was charged with Drive Disqualified, and his vehicle impounded for 45 days. He has a court date on May 3.

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Rotary fights Polio worldwide

Bob Evans, Rotary Club of Bradford

On February 9th, the Rotary Clubs of Bradford, Newmarket, Aurora and Richmond Hill held a joint meeting in Newmarket, and welcomed as their guest speaker Wilf Wilkinson, Past District Governor of Rotary District 707, and Past President of Rotary International (2007-08).

A retired Chartered Accountant from Trenton, Ontario, Wilkinson is an inspiring speaker and a great humanitarian - and spoke with passion about Rotary's "End Polio Now" project, which seeks to eradicate polio, world-wide.

Wilkinson has travelled to Africa and Asia, meeting with local leaders to secure their support for Rotary's Polio Eradication program, which has been successful in reducing the number of cases of the crippling disease, linked to deaths and paralysis. He has participated in National Immunization Days in Kenya, Tanzania and India, and administered polio drops to the children of Afghan refugees in Pakistan.

Last year, India was polio-free - which means that, currently, only Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria have reported cases of the disease.

End Polio Now is the largest health project in history, and has support from the governments of Canada, the United States, Commonwealth countries, and individuals such as Bill Gates, through the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. UNESCO and the World Health Organization (WHO) also provide logistical support.

Wilkinson has been recognized for his humanitarian service by the Knights of Columbus, Province of Ontario, Government of Canada - he is a Member of the Order of Canada, and recipient of a Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice medal presented by Pope John Paul II. He has received many Rotary Honours, including the Distinguished Service Award, the International Service Award for a Polio-free World, and the Rotary International Service Above Self Award.

Asked why he became a Rotarian, Wilkinson wrote: "I was looking for an organization which would allow me to combine my professional activities with a desire to serve my community, which had been instilled in me by my father from a very young age... Knowledge of Rotary's programs, first locally then internationally, captured my imagination and allowed me to progress from being a new member, to an involved Rotarian. Experiencing an international convention in Toronto, in 1964, fanned the flames for service and showed me the true internationality of Rotary.

"During the odd peaceful moment, (wife) Joan and I often think of the towns and cities we wouldn't have visited, the speakers and world leaders we wouldn't have heard, the truly great international projects that we wouldn't have seen, and the friends that we wouldn't have known if I had not been asked to join Rotary in November of 1962."

For more information on Bradford's Rotary Club or Global Polio Eradication, contact Bob Evans at ***bob@evansevans.ca*** or 905-775-3381.

At the Bradford Legion Br. 521

The Bradford Legion, 115 Back St. in Bradford, will be hosting a **Euchre** afternoon this Saturday, March 17. Registration begins at 1 p.m., play begins at 1:30 p.m. Cost is $10 per person.

On March 20, the Bradford Legion hosts a **General Meeting** at the Legion Hall, beginning at 7 p.m. Nominations for the Executive will be received.

Friday Night Meat Rolls take place every Friday at 5:30 p.m. Come out, enjoy a light dinner for a nominal fee - and perhaps win the meat for Saturday Dinner.

Do you want to stand behind our troops and veterans, enjoy comradeship and activities, and support youth programs in the community? Consider

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Submitted photo

Kids with The Hub Youth Drop-in Centre, on their way to Snow Valley, thanks to Tim Hortons.

letters to the editor

Thank you, Tim Hortons!

To the editor: On February 15, the owners of Tim Hortons in Bradford decided to bless the community by providing an opportunity for youth to have fun in the snow. Tim Hortons invited members of the Hub Youth Centre to Snow Valley for a ski/snowboarding/tubing adventure.

This generous organization paid for everything, including the coach bus, the lift tickets, equipment rentals and passes. The Hub was delighted to bring 23 people along for the ride, many of whom would not be able to enjoy such activities, if it weren't for this generosity! Thank you, Tim Hortons, for allowing the Youth of Bradford to live beyond themselves, by experiencing new activities. You have given us more than an evening of fun - you have helped instill a spirit of adventure and camaraderie, and that's "snow" joke.

The Hub Youth Centre, Bradford

Cuban Holiday thank you

To the editor: On Feb. 10, 2012, Alfiero Cavallo (Verona Travel), the band Jovem Imperio, Carlos Janeiro, Kelly Moniz and DJ John Paul Perdiz hosted their very first WinterFest at the Memories Azul in Cayo Santa Maria, Cuba, with Sunwing Vacations. They were accompanied by 110 family members and friends, who enjoyed a week of sun and fun on a beautiful beach by the turquoise waters.

The guests enjoyed dancing by the pool in the afternoon, to music provided by singers Carlos Janeiro and Kelly Moniz, and DJ John Paul. During the evenings, the children enjoyed a show by The Chipmunks, brought to Cuba by the band Jovem Imperio. In the evenings, guests danced under the moon and stars to the voice of Helder Botas, accompanied by guitarist Bruno Silva, Fernando Homem on keyboard, Armando Janeiro on base, and drummer John Marques. Soloists Carlos Janeiro and Kelly Moniz performed - and DJ John Paul cranked the music in the theatre, after the show.

In Cuba, they have no instruments at the resort, which is why we - Alf Cavallo, Bruno Silva and Helder Botas - decided to ask sponsors to help raise the money to buy drums, 2 guitars and a base, which we left at Memories Azul for local hands to use and enjoy, and entertain other guests.

Special thanks to our sponsors for their donations: The Village Inn Bradford, Botas Electric, JC Trailers, Miguel Melo of Royal LePage Your Community Realty Brokerage, Markey Stone, Cavros Hair Studio, Joe's Bar and Grill, and of course, Rita Hunt of The Bradford Academy of Music, who provided the instruments for us to take down.

I would like to thank everyone for making this trip a success, and thank you to Sunwing and the directors of Memories Azul, Eduardo Marron, Ernesto Aguilar and Joe Lewis, who helped us put this wonderful holiday together.

Alfiero Cavallo, Verona Travel

Why a Subsidy?

To the editor: It has come to my attention that BWG Town Council is considering a Wellness Subsidy for Town employees, recommended by Kelly Losak, Director of Human Resources.

At present there is a 10 to 20% discount off an annual membership at the new Leisure Centre for qualifying corporations - 10% for firms with 10 or more workers, 20% for those with 20-plus workers. What Kelly Losak is now suggesting is that all Town employees who qualify for Benefits be given an additional 30% Wellness Subsidy, on top of the 20% they already get - or 50% off a fitness membership.

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Toastmasters' Open House

Photo by Deborah McGrath

Speak for Success Toastmaster winners, from left, Tim Norton, Robbie Fleischacker and Annette Lavigne.

On February 28, Speak for Success York-Simcoe Toastmasters held its competition, for the Toastmasters' Evaluation and International Speech Contest. Chaired by Area 14 Governor Deborah McGrath at the Music In Motion studio, 150 Artesian Industrial Parkway, the event heard from 3 competitors in the Speech portion.

In the second half, 5 competitors evaluated the speech of Target Speaker Cheryl MacLean of Stouffville, "Speak Up for the 20%" - talking about the 1 in 5 Canadians diagnosed with mental illness.

In the Speech competition, club members Annette Lavigne of Cookstown placed 1st, and Tim Norton of Innisfil was 2nd. Both move on to the Area 14 contest, hosted by Simcoe Shores in Belhaven, March 21.

In the Evaluation Contest, Robbie Fleischacker of Holland Landing was 1st, and Tim Norton was 2nd. Both will also compete in Belhaven.

The winners at the Area contest will advance to the District level, March 31 at the York Administration Bldg, 17250 Yonge St. in Newmarket. Both the Area and District contests are open to the public; there will be a $5 admission fee to the District level.

Speak for Success York-Simcoe Toastmasters is holding an Open House on Tuesday, March 27, at the club's new meeting place - the BWG Leisure Centre. The Open House will take place from 7 to 9 p.m., with Guest Speaker Denise Garrido, Miss World Canada 2010, talking about Charity at Home and Abroad. Mayor Doug White will also attend.

Toastmasters has nearly 250,000 members, world-wide.

Why a 'Wellness Subsidy'?

SUBSIDY, from Page 4

I think most BWG Taxpayers know that more control on spending is needed in these times. I have read some of the 12-year-old research Losak used for the proposal to Council. I wish I could have read some research for the benefit of exercise for Seniors on fixed incomes, or students. What I did read is, if you give a full-time Town employee with full benefits 50% off a Leisure Centre membership, the employee will reduce sick days and be more productive... "Fat chance."

I personally think any proposal brought forward should deal with a better Senior and student rate, not a better rate for a Town employee who can afford the $456 less 20%. This Centre will be paid for in part by property taxes. Many of the taxpayers will not enjoy a Wellness Subsidy. They will have to pay the full price. I do hope Council realizes that giving the extra 30% to bump up the subidy to 50% will help a few employees - but will cause a lot of stress for others in these times.

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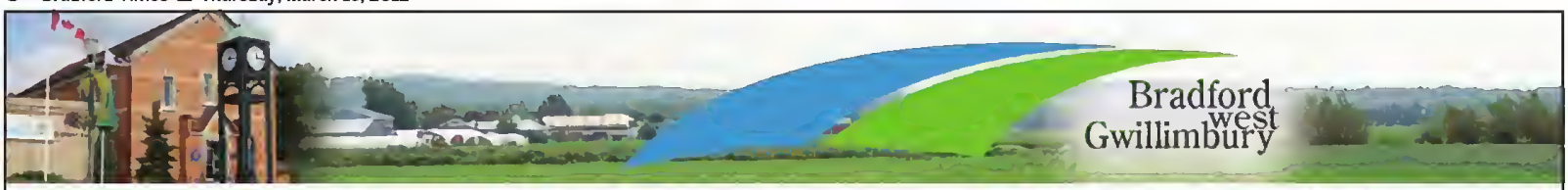

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- Tues. Apr. 17/12 @7:00 p.m.

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Tues. Mar. 20/12 @ 7:00 p.m.

Police Services Board
Mon. Mar. 26/12 @ 7:00 p.m., Frank Jonkman Room, 81 Melbourne Dr.

Library Board
Mon. Mar. 19/12 @ 7:00 p.m., BWG Library & Cultural Centre, 425 Holland St. W.

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Wed. Mar. 28/12 @ 6:30 p.m., Council Chambers, 57 Holland St. E.

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Wed. Mar. 21/12 @ 7:00 p.m., Frank Jonkman Room, 81 Melbourne Dr.

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Thurs. Mar. 22/12 @ 7:00 p.m., Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Road

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Wed. Apr. 4/12 @ 7:00 p.m., St. Mary's Hall, 31 Frederick St.

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Mon. Mar. 26/12 @ 7:00 p.m., BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Boardroom, 425 Holland St. W.

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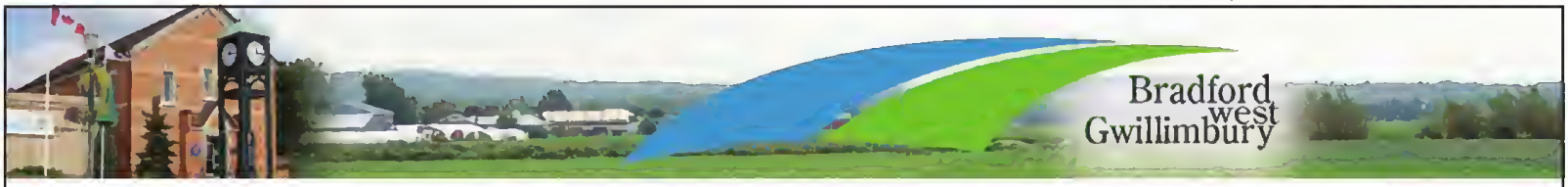

NOTICES

TEEN BOOK CLUB

Join us to share your favourite reads and learn about some great new authors. Bring your ideas and opinions for a great book talk.

Last Wednesday of the month
4:00 – 5:00 pm
Green Multipurpose Room
• Mar 28 – Hunger Games Trilogy
• April 25 – "Truth" - Non Fiction
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Canada Revenue Agency
Volunteer Tax Preparation Clinic

NEED A HAND TO PREPARE YOUR TAX RETURN?

If you are unable to prepare your income tax and benefit return yourself, the CVITP may be able to help you. The CVITP assists **eligible** taxpayers who have low income, and simple, non-complex tax situations.

Bradford West Gwillimbury Public Library is an official clinic site for Income Tax Preparation Assistance. To book an appointment with a trained volunteer just ask at the Information Desk or call 905-775-3328 X 6109. Remember to bring all your tax papers and forms with you including your last notice of assessment.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

These suggested maximum income levels should serve as a guideline only.

Taxpayer status	Family income
Single	Up to $25,000
Couple	Up to $35,000
One adult with child	Up to $30,000
Family	Up to $40,000

Volunteers do not prepare tax returns for complex situations such as:
• Returns for deceased persons; • Individuals who file for bankruptcy;
• Self-employed individuals; • Individuals who report capital gains or losses; or
• Individuals who report employment expenses, or business or rental income and expenses.

Eligible taxpayers normally served by the CVITP include:
• Aboriginal peoples; • Low-income individuals and social assistance recipients;
• Newcomers to Canada; • Seniors; and • Students.

For more information about this free service or to get information on community organizations in your area that participate in the CVITP, call us at **1-800-959-8281** or visit **www.cra.gc.ca**

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Wastewater Operator

Bradford west Gwillimbury

Located within the broader GTA, in southern Simcoe County, Bradford West Gwillimbury is a thriving municipality of 25,000 residents. Bradford is our main urban centre and our blend of rural and urban communities encompasses 200 square kilometres of rolling countryside and the well-known Holland Marsh. Major investments have been made recently to the Town's wastewater infrastructure which includes an expanded state of the art Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Reporting to the Wastewater Supervisor, this position will be part of the team responsible for day-to-day operation and maintenance of the Town's state of the art Class III Wastewater Treatment System and Class II Wastewater Collection System. Duties include aspects of collecting and processing samples, operation, maintenance and repair of the Town's Wastewater treatment plant and pumping stations, and will include interaction with customers, developers, contractors, and others under the direct supervision of the Wastewater Supervisor. As part of the Wastewater Operational team, the applicant will be required to take part in an afterhours "On Call / Stand By" rotation.

The successful applicant will hold an MOE OIT license or above for wastewater treatment and wastewater collection, combined with solid technical skills and the ability to communicate effectively, professionally and courteously with all levels of staff, developers, contractors and the general public. Knowledge of computers, SCADA equipment and computerized maintenance management systems would be an asset. In addition, preference will be given to candidates with a college background in environmental studies as the applicant is required to obtain a class III license level within specific timeframe as a condition of ongoing employment.

The successful candidate must possess a valid class G driver's licence in good standing with reliable transportation. A Class DZ licence would be considered an asset.

The Town offers an attractive hourly wage rate of $18.69 to $32.94, (salary commensurate with achieved level of certification) plus a competitive benefit package, and an opportunity to grow with us.

To explore these challenging opportunities further, we invite qualified applicants to forward their resume and covering letter in confidence, quoting File **Number 2012-WW03 by March 23rd, 2012** to:

Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
Human Resources Department,
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Fax: 905 775-8633 or email hr@townofbwg.com

We thank all applicants for their interest. However, only those being considered for an interview will be contacted. In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, personal information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act, and will only be used for candidate selection.

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury is an equal opportunity employer. Accommodation will be provided in accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code.

NOTICE

HOLLAND MARSH DRAINAGE SYSTEM
JOINT MUNICIPAL SERVICES BOARD

NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION
WEST CANAL BANK ROAD

This Notice is to inform residents and business owners that West Canal Bank Road (King) from Highway 9 to 5 Side Road (BWG) may experience lane interruptions due to the Holland Marsh Drainage System Canal Improvement Project.

Construction will commence on October 1, 2011 and continue in the area described above until further notice.

Construction hours remain from 7am to 7pm. Through traffic may be subject to lane reductions/interruptions intermittently during these working hours.

If you require additional information call the Holland Marsh Drainage System Joint Municipal Services Board at 905-778-4321 Please leave your name, phone number and your concerns and someone will return your call as soon as possible.

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NOTICES

School Crossing Guards

As the school year continues, residents are reminded to kindly observe and respect the signals of our Crossing Guards. Our School Crossing Guards work diligently to ensure our children cross streets safely as they travel to and from school.

From September to June, our Crossing Guards are stationed at the following busy intersections in Bradford West Gwillimbury near elementary schools:

Crossing Locations		Times
Barrie Street and Britannia Avenue	Morning	8:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.
	Afternoon	3:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Simcoe Road and Catania Avenue	Morning	8:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.
	Afternoon	2:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Hollend Street West end Church Straet	Morning	8:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.
	Aftarnoon	3:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Professor Day Drive and Northgate Drive	Morning	8:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.
	Afternoon	3:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Northgate Drive and Fletcher Street	Morning	8:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.
	Afternoon	3:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Professor Day Drive at Longview Walkway (South of Breeze Driva)	Morning	8:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.
	Afternoon	3:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

As a drivar, if you are in an area whare thara is a Crossing Guard, pleasa taka caution and obsarva their signals. Under the Highway Traffic Act of Ontario, the stop sign carried by a Crossing Guard has the same legal authority as a stop sign at an intersection.

As a parent, plaasa maka sure to remind your children to pay attantion to thair Crossing Guard and obay thair directions.

And finally, as that important student, show your crossing guard respect by adhering to their signs and diractions. Thay are thara to assist you and your friands to arrive at school safely. Ona small word of thanks, shows that you appreciatad thair afforts and starts tha day off on a positiva mannar.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Crossing Guard Progrem, plaasa do not hasitata to contact Nathan Hurlay at (905) 775-5386 X 1111.

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A Happy 90th Birthday

Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor Doug White congratulates Bradford resident Isabella McMichael on her 90th Birthday, March 8, 2012. Still independent! Submitted photo

Chili Challenge in Lefroy

The Lefroy-Belle Ewart Legion's ***Chili Cook-Off*** takes place Saturday, March 24 from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Legion, 1017 Robinson St. in Belle Ewart. The Ladies Auxiliary event challenges individuals and organizations to bring in their best chili, and let the public sample and vote for their favourites. To enter contact Maggie Barton at 705-812-0362. The public is invited for lunch - only $5 per person for a bowl, bun, spoon, water and ballot.

The Royal Canadian Legion has a ***Bursary Program***, to help students entering post secondary education, who are children or grandchildren of veterans or Legion members. Deadline for applications is Friday, March 30, 2012. Contact Bursary Chair Betty Donald, 705-436-1144.

At the Danube Srs. Leisure Centre

The Danube Seniors Leisure Centre, located at 715 Simcoe Rd. in Bradford, welcomes new members - and new ideas for activities and special events. Call 905-775-0612.

Coming up:

. St. Patrick's Day Birthday Luncheon - Thursday, March 15 at the Centre. Irish Stew and Soda Bread, Dessert, Coffee and Tea, plus an hour of entertainment following lunch, only $8 per person. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. Remember to wear something green!

. The Elvis Show is coming to the Danube Centre on March 31 - featuring two award-winning Elvis Tribute Artists, John Cigan and Matt Dowsett, backed up by Gerie & The Koasters, and The Tonettes. Tickets for "Blue Suede Shoes: Memories of the King" are $25 per person, available at 905-775-0612 or from EPC Management, 905-775-2936. Tickets can also be purchased at Nancy's Nifty Nook, 152 Holland St. East, and M & M Meat Shops, 478 Holland St. West. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. Refreshments available at intermission. **Note:** there will be a presentation of $4,000 to the Vitality Campaign, for the new BWG Leisure Centre. The funds were raised by last year's big concerts at the Centre.

. Watch for information about the Danube Sr. Leisure Centre's Giant Spring Garage Sale & White Elephant Sale, Saturday, April 28, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. - with music provided by Wayne Jones D.J. Services.

Bradford Legion

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membership in the Legion. Contact Donna at 905-775-5025. Veterans and their spouses who need assistance, at home, or in a nursing home or care facility, should call Gord Dodgson at 905-775-4905. You don't need to be a Legion member.

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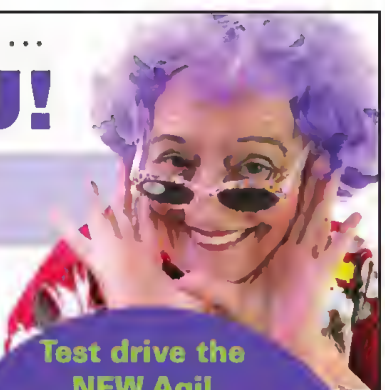

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The Competition Bureau offers a number of simple tips, to avoid scams over the internet, phone, mail or in person.

. **Be vigilant** when evaluating ads for a job, product or service.

. **Before** sending money or giving credit card or account details, be sure you understand what it is that you are agreeing to.

. **Know** who you are dealing with - be especially wary of any unsolicited phone calls, emails, text messages or letters from unknown sources.

. **Search** for the company, the individuals, the product or the offer online, and verify any contact and company details. Remember - trustworthy, well-known businesses will rarely contact you be email, phone or text message to ask for personal details, banking or financial information.

. **Read** the fine print.

. **Keep** in mind that wiring money is like sending cash - you have NO protection against loss.

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EMC Workshop on sustainability

Nottawasaga Futures is hosting an Excellence in Manufacturing Workshop, **Sustainability: A Business Strategy** on Thursday, March 22, from 9 a.m. to noon. The Workshop is an EMC Food & Beverage Sector Special Interest Group Networking Event, of interest to those in the manufacturing sector who manage aspects of sustainability, develop sustainability programs, are involved in Continuous Improvement initiatives and Sr. Managers. Includes an introduction to Sustainability, and a Best Practices presentation by Frito Lay Canada (Pepsico), Journey to Net-Zero Waste, as it works towards "leave no trace" - diverting from landfill, reducing fuel and energy demands.

The Workshop will be held at the Nottawasaga Futures offices, 39 Victoria St. East in Alliston. Free, but pre-registration is required. Please contact Senior Community Development Manager Bren de Leeuw at ***bdeleeuw@emccanada.org*** or 519-372-6009.

Business Start-Up Seminar

The BWG Office of Economic Development and Bradford Board of Trade are partnering with Nottawasaga Futures to present free seminars to assist the start-up or expansion of local businesses. Guest speaker Eve Kurschner will provide information on how to create a business plan, apply to loan funds, access the resources available at bradford WORKS employment services, and more.

Seminars will be held at bradford WORKS, 95 Holland St. West, Unit 105. Next session: Thursday, March 29 at 2:30 p.m. Free, but please pre-register at 905-775-5366 ext. 2235 or ***ykramer@townofbwg.com*** or see ***www.bradfordboardoftrade.com*** events page.

Immigration Focus Group tonight!

Were you born in a country other than Canada? Are you interested in sharing your story as an immigrant? The County of Simcoe Immigration Partnership wants to hear from Community Members who have settled here from elsewhere. There will be a Focus Group in Bradford, at the new Bradford Public Library, 425 Holland St. West, Thursday, March 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. Please contact Lorraine Douglas, 705-722-3132 ext. 1421 or ***sclip@simcoe.ca*** for more information or to pre-register.

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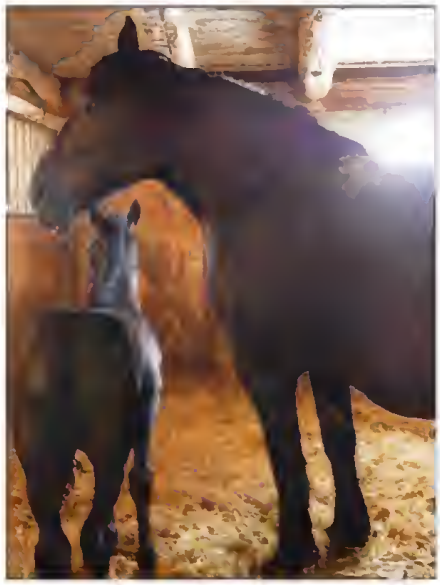
Signs of Spring: Farm Tour



For the past 8 years, the Schomberg Agricultural Society has been providing an opportunity for both non-farming and farming families to connect with agricultural operations in the area.

The Farm Tour asks local operators to open their doors to the public, providing a glimpse of modern agriculture and agri-business, answering questions, and sharing successes.

This year's theme was "Home of Champions," and on March 10, the self-directed tour included the prize-winning Thoroughbred horses of Schonberg Farm in King Township, award-winning Percherons of Glencal Farms, and purebred Holsteins of Sunny Maple Holsteins, in Bradford West Gwillimbury.

Schonberg Farm, operated by the Schickedanz family, has produced 238 winners - 8 of which have become Canadian Champions, including Woodcarver, the 1999 Queen's Plate Winner, and Wando, 2003 Canadian Triple Crown Winner and Canadian Horse of the Year.

The farm has also diversified, raising Black Angus cattle, and 30 laying hens - which have won ribbons for their eggs.

Diversification is also the new reality at Glencal Farms, operated by Cal and Judy Lipsett and family on the 11th Concession of King Twp. The farm cash-crops about 2,300 acres, producing wheat, beans, corn and hay for the livestock, and raises beef cattle and sheep - although the focus is, and remains, the Percheron heavy horses.

Visitors could wander through the barn, patting the gentle giants - and admiring the array of ribbons and trophies garnered at shows that include the National Western Stock Show in Colorado, the Big E in Springfield, Massachusetts; Calgary Stampede; Royal Agricultural Winter Fair - and locally, the Jeff Hodgson Memorial Trophy for 6-horse hitch, at the Schomberg Fair.

Sunny Maple Holsteins may not have had any recent champions in the last few years, but the Sunny Maple purebreds are known around the world, says Doug Livingston, 6th generation dairy farmer. The herd has a reputation for "strong genetics, that other people will look for."

The Sunny Maple home-farm is still in Woodbridge, but the pressures of urban sprawl led to the purchase of 260 acres on County Rd. 27, near Newton Robinson - where the 65 milking cows are housed in a state-of-the-art barn.

Livingston said that he shows his cows at up to 4 major Dairy shows a year, and explained the lure of vying for Championship status. "It brings international publicity, so you can sell your genetics world-wide," he said - putting the King Twp.-Bradford West Gwillimbury farming community on the map.

Photos and story by Miriam King

Left, **Janna, 2009 Reserve Champion Percheron at the Royal Winter Fair, and her foal at Glencal Farms.** ***Above***, **Doug Livingston at Sunny Maple Holsteins.**

Canada Blooms!

Canada Blooms! The 16th annual Toronto Flower & Garden Show takes place at the Direct Energy Centre, Exhibition Place, March 16 to 25. The theme for 2012 is "CityCulture" - gardens in full bloom, horticultural and floral competitions, seminars and workshops. $17 for adults, $13 for students (13-18), $14 for Seniors. See ***www.canadablooms.com***

Bond Head Hort. Soc.

The Bond Head & District Horticultural Society meets at the Danube Seniors Leisure Centre, 715 Simcoe Rd. on Thursday, March 22, at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker is John Beaulieu, on African Violets. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served. For details, call 905-775-6890.

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Earth Hour in Lefroy

The Annual Grange Cafe for Earth Hour will take place March 31 at Lefroy's Grange Hall, beginning at 7 p.m. The duo *Poor Tom* will entertain, joined by special guests, and the kitchen will offer the usual treats - including a fresh-baked chocolate chip cookie with ice cream. Come out for candlelight, good food, and great music only $12 per person in advance, $15 at the door - if space is available. Seating is limited! For tickets, contact Andrea at 705-436-7171. All proceeds to charity.

Earth Hour anthem

The World Wildlife Fund, founder of Earth Hour, is celebrating the 5th Anniversary of the awareness campaign, by inviting Canadians to help write the Team Earth Hour Anthem.

Earth Hour asks people to turn off their electronics and lights for 1 hour on March 31, to reduce energy use. Canadians are invited to write a song lyric expressing their love for the planet, and why they think it's important to protect it, in 140 characters or less. Entries should be submitted to the WWFCanada Facebook page, and will be voted on by the public. Composer Andrew Huang will combine the top-ranked lyrics with his own top ten selections, to create the Team Earth Hour Anthem. Everyone who submits a lyric will be entered to win the Grand Prize of an X-Series Electric Scooter from EMMO, courtesy of AIRMILES®. The song will be performed live at Toronto's Historic Distillery District during Earth Hour.

Ontario EarlyYears Centre

The Ontario Early Years Centre in Bradford offers age-appropriate programs for children ages 0-6 and their caregivers/parents - free. Some programs may require require pre-registration. Visit ***www.simcoecommunityservices.ca*** and click on the Ontario Early Years logo, call 905-775-3039, ext. 229 or drop in to sign up.

Amazing World of Science - Saturdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., March 17 and 24. Kids will enjoy hands-on experiments, exploring the world of science. Please register per session.

Parent-Child Mother Goose - an 8-week interactive program for parents and their children ages 2-4. Begins Monday, March 19, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. No childcare, but babes in arms are welcome to attend. Pre-register.

Ask a Professional - Infant Development Caseworker Visit, on Tues., March 20 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. A caseworker will be available to discuss developmental concerns. Drop in.

Grandparents, Parenting Again support group, for grandparents with formal or informal custody of their Grandchildren. 1-3 p.m. on Wednesdays, March 21. Childcare for kids ages 0 to 6 will be provided while grandparents meet.

Library on the Loose - a guest from the Public Library brings books, stories and surprises, Friday, March 23 at 10:30 a.m. Drop in.

The Ontario Early Years Centre will be offering the **Esso Family Math Program** - a 6-week community-based program to support parents, and enhance a child's math education, for children in JK or SK, or of the age to attend kindergarten. The program begins Tuesday, March 27 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. - with dinner provided at 6 p.m., and the program starting at 6:30 p.m. Take part and help create the positive math attitudes that lead to success. Research shows that students do better in school when their parents are involved in their education; both parents are encouraged to attend. Pre-register by March 21. Limited childcare available for siblings.

Life with Baby - a 10 week program designed for first-time parents of children ages 0 to 10 months, begins Tuesday, March 27 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Provides an interactive and informative program for first-time parents. At the Early Years Centre - free. Pre-register.

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March Break Fun

Kids get up close and personal with a Tarantula, with Zoo to You , at Upper Canada Mall, March 12-17.

The **Sugarbush Maple Syrup Festival** returns to Bruce's Mill Conservation Area, Stouffville Sideroad east of Warden Ave., and to Kortright Centre for Conservation, 9550 Pine Valley Drive, March 3 to April 9, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Includes demonstrations of "sugaring off," wagon rides, live entertainment, pancakes and maple syrup, and special events for March Break. Admission is $9 adults, $6.50 for children and seniors, free for tots 4 and under - plus $4 parking at Kortright. For more information, see ***www.maplesyrupfest.com***

The Bradford Public Library offers activities for kids during March Break, at 425 Holland St. West in Bradford. Thursday - **Drop-in Crafts** from 10 a.m. to noon, for ages 5 - 12 - free. In the afternoon, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., it's **"Afternoon of a Wimpy Kid"** - crafts, games and activities inspired by the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series, for ages 6 and up. $2 per child, pre-register at Borrower Services. On Friday - Family Movie afternoon, from 1 to 3 p.m., features **Toy Story 3** in the Zima Room, free. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

The Simcoe County Museum is hosting a travelling exhibit from the Royal Ontario Museum, **Fakes and Forgeries, Yesterday & Today.** The exhibit features real and fake objects, from antiquities and money to designer goods, computer games and everyday items. During March Break, make a "fake" artifact at a craft session, or explore different aspects of Canadian Paper Money; open 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mon. to Sat., and 1 to 4:30 p.m. on Sundays. Regular Museum rates apply. Located at 1151 Hwy. 26, north of Barrie.

The Elman W. Campbell Museum, 134 Main St. South in Newmarket, presents **Museum Mayhem**, March 15-17, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - free! Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult (over 18). Note: This is not day camp, and there are no lunchroom facilities. For more information, call 905-953-5314 or email ***elmanmuseum@rogers.com*** - or visit ***www.newmarket.ca***

The Simcoe County Museum **March Break Day Camp** for kids ages 6 to 12. Explore "Lost Civilizations", including the Aztecs, Maya and Byzantine culture, on March 15 - and discover "Mythical Creatures", from Kempenfelt Kelly to unicorns, on March 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. $23 per child per day for Museum members, $26/child per day for non-members. Before-and-after camp babysitting is available (8:30-10 a.m. and

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Bradford Library Book Sale

The BWG Friends of the Library Preview Sale will take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, March 30; $10 per person gives patrons first pick of the books, in the Zima Room, 425 Holland St. West. The main book sale takes place on Saturday, March 31 - free, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Donations of books, CDs, DVDs wanted. For details, call 905-775-3328.

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St. Patrick's Day this weekend

The Inaugural Innisfil Celtic Festival will take place September 15, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Innisfil Beach Park - and to help built excitement, the Innisfil Public Library has been hosting a series of Celtic Celebrations, at the Branches, featuring performers who will be appearing at the Festival (including the Miller School of Irish Dance, pictured at left).

This Saturday, March 17, is St. Patrick's Day, and the Lakeshore Branch of the Library, 967 Innisfil Beach Rd., hosts the celebration. Catch Megan Stephen at 11:30 a.m., a Strongman Demo at 11:45 a.m., Jeff Williams at 12:30 p.m., MacMurchy School of Highland Dancing at 1:15 p.m. and 1:45 p.m., a Piper at 1:30 p.m., and the Stephen Girls at 2 p.m.

For more information on the Festival, see ***www.innisfilceltic festival.ca***

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Easter Bunny update

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury is getting out of the Egg Hunting business - but fans of the Easter Bunny can take heart. CrossTrainers and the Bradford Scouts are hoping to keep the tradition going, at the Lions Park in Bradford on April 7. Giant Tiger has offered its support - a donation of 2,000 yummy chocolate eggs, and an offer to sell the remainder to the organizers at cost - but the Scouts are scrambling to raise about $1000. To donate, contact Joanne at 905-775-4728; cheques should be made payable to Scouts Canada.

The World's Largest 8-Day Easter Egg Hunt begins March 24 at Puck's Farm. The Easter Bunny will be on hand for the Easter Egg Scrambles, at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. It's also an opportunity to meet and pet the newborn animals, ride a pony, take an old-fashioned horse-drawn wagon ride, and reconnect with rural roots, at the 32nd annual Hunt. Every Saturday and Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., March 24 through April 8 - plus Good Friday, April 6, and Easter Monday, April 9. Located on the 11th Line of King Twp., south of Hwy. 9. See ***www.pucksfarm.com***

NSD Easter Egg Hunt for Dogs

Kids enjoy Easter Egg Hunts - and so do dogs, when the "treats" include gift baskets of dog food, toys, dog snacks and doggie beds.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt for Dogs is a fundraiser for National Service Dogs, a charity dedicated to enriching the lives of individuals with special needs by providing them with specially-trained Labs and Golden Retrievers.

The dogs are trained to meet the needs of children with Autism (Certified Service Dog for Autism program), veterans with long-term post-traumatic stress disorder (Skilled-Companion Dog for Veterans program), or individuals with various disabilities (Companion Dog Program).

It can cost tens of thousands of dollars to train a Certified Service Dog - but all dogs are provided to clients free of charge. National Service Dogs relies entirely on donations and funding from the general public, service clubs, corporate sponsors, foundations, and events like the Easter Egg Hunt. This year's goal is to raise over $100,000, through all of the Hunts held on Good Friday, April 6, 2012.

There will be an NSD Easter Egg Hunt for Dogs at Barrie's Sunnidale Park, with registration beginning at 10 a.m., and the Hunt starting at 11 a.m. sharp - rain, shine or snow. The goal for the Barrie event is $10,000, and once again the Turner family of Bradford is leading the way - both in organizing the hunt, and fundraising.

Daughter Katie received "Cash", a Certified Service Dog for Autism, several years ago, and the pair have become inseparable. They are fundraising - and will likely be attending this Easter Egg Hunt for Dogs. For more information, to donate, or to volunteer, check out ***www.gifttool.com/athon/MyFundraisingPage?ID=1327&AID=1798&PID=254708*** or email ***turnerclan@rogers.com***

Note: National Service Dogs will also be gratefully accepting donations of Canadian Tire money and Zehrs Receipts at the Easter Egg Hunt.

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community listings

St. Patrick's

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Lakeside Retirement, at 985 Innisfil Beach Rd. in Alcona, Innisfil, celebrates St. Patrick's Day on March 17 from 2 to 4 p.m., with refreshments, door prizes and entertainment by Jim and Jean Duffy. All welcome -please RSVP to 705-431-8105.

The **Irish Claddagh Club of Barrie & District** 14th annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Dance, Saturday, March 17, upstairs at the Barrie Legion. Live Irish music, catered dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed by dancing to a DJ. Irish Dancers will perform, and there will be fun and prizes. Only $30 per person; call 705-456-1595. No tickets at the door.

McNally's Irish Bar in Alcona presents **Live Music** for St. Patrick's Day, March 17, starting at noon! On Saturday, March 24, it's an evening with Hugo Straney and Charlie & The Bhoys! Check out ***www.mcnallysirishbar.com***

The Innisfil Lions Club hosts a **Newfie-Saint Patrick's Day Party** on Saturday, March 17, only $15 per person. Doors open at 7 p.m., with music by DJ Mr. Big B starting at 8 p.m., a traditional Newfie "Screech-in" at 9 p.m., and "Downhome Newfie Grub" at 10 p.m. For tickets, contact Maureen Billinger at 705-294-1056.

Cookstown United Church, 37 Queen St., annual **St. Patrick's Stew & Lasagna Supper** on Saturday, March 17, from 5 to 7 p.m. Dessert is Home-made pie! Adults $12, children 6 to 12 years old $5, free for under 6 - at the door. All welcome.

Churchill United Church **St. Patrick's Day Dinner** on Saturday, March 17, with 2 sittings - 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Purchase tickets in advance for a dinner of Ham & Scalloped potatoes, and home-made pies; call 705-436-3763 or 705-456-4692. And wear green!

MEETINGS

HELP FOR IMMIGRANTS: Bradford Immigrant & Community Services (BICS) located at 11 Holland St. East offers English Language Classes for Newcomers to Canada, Settlement Assistance, Integration to the Canadian School System Program, Parenting Workshops, Translation and Interpretation services, Form completion and document help, Information and referral, advocacy and more. 905-775-3343 or see www.bradfordimmigrant.com

THURS., MARCH 15

PROSTATE CANCER CANADA NETWORK BARRIE SUPPORT GROUP: Meets 7:30 p.m. at the new Canadian Cancer Society Office, 4 Checkley St., Barrie. Newly diagnosed men and their ladies especially invited. For information, call 905-775-6365.

PROSTATE CANCER CANADA NEWMARKET SUPPORT GROUP: Meets 7 - 9 p.m. at the Newmarket Srs Meeting Place, 474 Davis Dr. Guest speaker is Dr. Padraig Warde, Provincial Head of Radiation Treatment Program with Cancer Care Canada, and head of the team that set up the Cancer Care program at Southlake. For information, call 905-830-0447 or see ***www.newmarketprostatecancer.com***

COUNTY OF SIMCOE IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIP: Bradford Focus Group, 6-8 p.m. at the Bradford Public Library, 425 Holland St. West. Share your stories of immigation. Call Lorraine at 705-722-3132 ext. 1421 or ***sclip@simcoe.ca*** for info.

FRI., MARCH 16

NEWMARKET PSYCHIC EXPO: 3 days of predictions, readings with international psychics, over 25 exhibitors, vendors, hourly lectures and psychic demonstrations, March 16-18 at the Optimist Club in Barrie, 55 Forhan Drive (off Davis Dr.) in Newmarket. One admission price for the whole weekend.

SAT., MARCH 17

ST. PATRICK'S STEW & LASAGNA SUPPER: Cookstown United Church, 37 Queen St., 5-7 p.m. $12 adults, $5 ages 6 - 12, free for under 6 - at the door. Home-made pies for desssert!

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER & DANCE: The Irish Claddagh Club hosts the dinner and dance upstairs at the Barrie Legion. Live Irish music, a catered dinner at 6:30 p.m., dancing to a DJ. Tickets only $30. 705-456-1595.

CHURCHILL UNITED CHURCH ST. PATRICK'S DAY SUPPER: Ham & Scalloped potatoes, home-made pies for dessert. Sittings at 5 and 6:30 p.m. For tickets, call 705-436-3763 or 705-456-4692.

SUN., MARCH 18

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Service will be held at Gilford United Church in Innisfil at 10:30 a.m. led by United Church Women from Churchill United, Gilford United and Lefroy United Churches. All welcome.

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MON., MARCH 19

TECUMSETH & WEST GWILLIMBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETS: 7:30 p.m. at the Tec-we-Gwill Women's Institute Hall in Newton Robinson (County Rd. 27). War of 1812 Re-enactor Peter Monahan, on the daily life of a soldier. All welcome - refreshments will be served. For info, call 905-775-7144 or 905-936-4086.

TUES., MARCH 20

ALZHEIMER SUPPORT GROUP MEETS: At CHATS MediChair in Bradford, 448 Holland St. W. (Hakim Optical plaza), at 10 a.m. Family and friends caring for persons with Alzheimer's Disease or related dementias can share information and coping strategies in a safe place. Call 705-722-1066.

CANCER CENTRE LECTURE SERIES: Dr. Peter Anglin presents *Understanding Lymphomas & Multiple Myeloma - Made Easy.* March 20 at 5:15 p.m. in the Southlake Cancer Centre's lobby level conference room. Free, but pre-register at 905-895-4521 ext. 6947. www.southlakeregional.org

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Sports

Shake Your Boobies Dinner-Dance

The 3rd annual Shake Your Boobies Dinner & Dance - a fundraiser for the Joe Mama 2 team participating in the Shoppers Drug Mart Weekend to End Women's Cancers 60K Walk, for Princess Margaret Hospital - takes place Saturday, March 31 at the Portuguese Cultural Centre, 767 Simcoe Rd. Bradford, 7 p.m. Dinner, live entertainment, DJ, prizes - only $30 per person. For tickets call Alison, 905-775-2410 or Sara, 905-775-4825.

Spaghetti Dinner for ORI

On April 21, Marcia and Meghan Talbot will be heading to Guatemala for 4 weeks, as part of Team Ceta - working with Orphan Resources International (ORI) to assist at the Mision del Camino orphanage in the Central American country.

They are now raising funds to take along, to purchase whatever is most needed by the orphanage. The 3rd

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BWGMHA Local League action

TYKE DIVISION

March 4, Bradford Tyke #2 - 11, Lefroy - 0. Goals by Spencer Natale with a hat trick, Brayden Fitken, Dylan Woodcock and Avery Steyn with a pair apiece, singles by Julia Mumford and Justin Dias. Assists to Logan Wareing (3), Jacob Sim (2), Woodcock (2), Mumford, Andreas Alves (2), Colton Graham, Fitken, Philippe Harte, Evan Robbins, and Brandon Spadafora. Shutout to Carsyn Elliot.

March 10, Bradford Tyke #2 - 3, Oak Ridges - 1. Scoring by Justin Dias, Philippe Harte and Aiden Kapralik, from Spencer Natale and Julia Mumford.

March 8, Bradford Tyke #1 Lisbon Paving - 2, Bradford Tyke #2 - 2. Lisbon Paving goals by Jack Reid and Gavin Rocha from Michael Flynn and Kaleb Christophersen. Bradford #2 goals by Dylan Woodcock and Andreas Alves, from Aiden Kapralik, Colton Graham and Woodcock. Great effort by both goalies, Christopher Quizi and Carsyn Elliott.

March 11, Bradford Tyke #1 Lisbon Paving - 11, Lefroy - 0. Kaden VanNamen and Gavin Rocha with 3 goals and an assist each; Riley Gainer with 3 goals, singles by Kaleb Christophersen and Seth Kelly.

Newmarket & District Ringette results

U10B Ringette

March 10, Newmarket Rays - 4, Oshawa Storm - 4. Goals by Haleigh Beam with 2, singles by Megan Bujko and Veronica Walters, from Emily VanKessel, Lea Jarvis and Bujko (2).

U12B Ringette

March 10, Pickering - 8, Newmarket Rays - 4. Scoring by Sara Jacobs with a hat trick, single by Laurel Peters, from Peters (2), Jacobs and Kailey Trottier.

March 11, Mississauga - 8, Newmarket Rays - 3. Scoring by Jessica Just, Sarah Jacobs, and Danielle Pelletier, with an assist to Just.

U14A Ringette

March 3, Newmarket Rays - 7, Pickering - 2. Goals by Jada Laliberte, Kierra Lee and Taylor McRobbie with 2 each, single by Shelby Byers, from Thia Walters, Natasha McGenerty, Erica Weekes (2) and Hayley Fisher.

March 6, Newmarket Rays - 7, Richmond Hill Lightning - 4. Goals by Jada Laliberte and Caroline Sweeney with 2 each, singles by Erica Weekes, Shelby Byers and Natasha McGenerty. Assists to Byers, McGenerty (2), Laliberte (2), Sweeney, Sydney Hollands and Kierra Lee.

U14B Ringette

March 3, Newmarket Rays - 7, Ajax Shooting Stars - 1. Scoring by Brooke Thomson with a hat trick, Lindsay Young with 2, singles by Taylor Cranston and Taleigh McGrath. Assists to McGrath, Hailey Castro, Young, Caitlin Sweeney, Thomson and Cranston.

March 4, Newmarket Rays - 4, Sunderland - 4. Goals by Lindsay Young, Caitlin Sweeney, Alyssa Nunn and Brooke Thomson. Assists to Maija Peters and Young.

MicroWorks Major Curling League Championships

The Microworks Major Curling League Playoffs continued on March 6.

"A" Flight

Parry Sound Insurance (Cory Heggestad) - 8, Performance Curling Supplies/Freedom 55 Financial (Al Corbeil) - 4.

Dominion of Canada Insurance Co./Bunn-o-Matic (Pat Perroud) - 8, BMC Construction/A.McAfee & Associates Insurance Brokers Ltd. (Willie MacPherson) - 3.

"B" Flight

DM Printing Equipment (Susan McKnight) - 8, Comco Petroleum/Dr. Chris Schell Optometrist (Andrew Thompson) - 4. 10th-seeded DM Printing defeats the 5th seed, Comco Petroleum.

Shot Rock Shop/Thor Motors (Garry Morgan) -10, Aurora Auto Wholesalers (Wylie Allan) - 6.

The playoffs continue on Tuesday, March 20, with the Championships beginning at 6 p.m., at the Barrie Curling Club.

The "A" Championship will see Parry Sound Insurance play Dominon of Canada Insurance/Bunn-o-matic.

In the "A" Consolation game, BMC Construction/A. McAfee & Associates Insurance Brokers plays Performance Curling Supplies/Freedom 55 Financial.

On the "B" Side, Shot Rock Shop/Thor Motors will play DM Printing Equipment for the "B" Championship.

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4-5 p.m.) for an extra $5 per day. For more information or to sign up, contact 705-728-3721, email ***education@simcoe.ca*** or visit ***museum.simcoe.ca***

Black Creek Pioneer Village, 1000 Murray Ross Parkway, offers a March Break Program, March 10-18. Build log cabins, take part in old-fashioned Spelling Bees and traditional dancing, make maple syrup the pioneer way, enjoy free horse-drawn wagon rides, and don't miss the puppet and musical performances with Glen Caradus. For more information see ***www.blackcreek.ca***

The Museum on the Boyne in Alliston has a March Break Day Camp. March 16 - Lucky Charms: They're Not Just for Breakfast. Superstitions and silliness, for ages 6-11, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. $20 members, $25 non-members. 705-435-4030 x1.

BWGMHA Rep teams in Playoffs

NOVICE REP
Semi-Finals

Game 1, Bradford Lisbon Paving - 3, Innisfil - 2. Hat trick by Karsen Christophersen, on assists from Araujo, William Poot (2), Cameron MacDonald, Nolan Barrie.

NOVICE AE
York-Simcoe Playoffs

Game 2, Bradford - 5, Schomberg - 4. Goals by Brandon Scott with a hat trick singles by Alex Desario and Graham Sim, on assists from Emily Hill (3), Sim, Keegan Terrey (2) and Tanner Hueglin.

Game 3, Bradford - 11, Schomberg - 3. Goals by Alex Desario with the hat trick, Jacob Zinner and Graham Sim with a pair apiece, and singles by Kaeleigh Gardiner, Emily Hill, Keegan Terrey and Brandon Scott. Assists to Sim (3), Alex Semiao (3), Zinner, Scott (3), Desario, Gardiner (2), Hill, Teah Cribbie (2), Terrey (2), Darcy Mott and Tanner Hueglin. Bradford moves on to the York-Simcoe Semi-Finals!

MINOR PEEWEES
York-Simcoe Semi-Finals

Game 1, Bradford - 3, Innisfil - 1. Goals by Nicholas Desario from Kris Jansen and Jack Slade; Josh Landolfi from Jaden McDonald and Patrick Chusroskie; and Philippe Lafreniere, from Desario and Ryan Staite.

Game 2, Bradford - 3, Innisfil - 2. Scoring by Jaden McDonald from Josh Landolfi and Matthew Backman; Patrick Chusroskie from Philippe Lafreniere and Terry Smith; and Victor Pearson from McDonald.

BANTAM REP
York Simcoe Playoffs-Round Robin

Game 1, Bradford Marcon General Contracting/Fox Racing - 2, Aurora - 1. Goals by Alex Kooy from Ian Atkinson and Travis Loran; and Connor James from Loran. Outstanding goaltending by Jess Barss.

Game 2,Bradford Marcon General Contracting/Fox Racing - 3, Aurora - 1. Goals by Alex Kooy from Travis Loran and Ian Atkinson; Atkinson from Connor James; and Matt Sorgini, unassisted. Great goaltending by Owen McMechan.

Game 3, Newmarket - 5, Bradford Marcon GC/Fox Racing - 2. Goals by Ian Atkinson from Alex Kooy and Danny Vilon; and Jeff Skerratt from Craig Henderson and Atkinson.

Game 4, Newmarket - 4, Bradford Marcon General Contracting/Fox Racing - 2. Scoring by Jonathan Iordanou from Craig Henderson and Alex Kooy; and Brad Leggett from Mitchell Tracey. Bradford and Newmarket win the round robin semi-finals and move on to play each other in the York Simcoe Finals!

Hockey AGM

Bradford West Gwillimbury Minor Hockey Association is holding its AGM on Monday, April 2, 7 p.m. at the Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Rd.

Turkey Shoot

Bond Head Lions' Turkey Shoot, at the Vernon farm, 9th Line and 5 Sideroad BWG. Target shooting - win a turkey! 12 gauge only. Next event will be on Sunday, March 18 starting at 10 a.m.

Post-Game Interview

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Kenya trip will build Leadership

Holy Trinity High School in Bradford is in the midst of fundraising for a unique school trip: 24 students and 5 staff members are travelling to Africa, as part of the Free the Children/Me To We Kenya Youth Leadership Program. During their 2 weeks in Kenya, the students will help build a school, and work with local villagers, sharing their culture and their daily chores - and earn 2 high school credits and 1 co-op credit.

But that's not why they're going. "We're big advocates of social justice," says principal Heinrich Bebie, who will be part of the group. "We're hoping this trip has a big influence on the students, and what they want to do in the future." From everything he's heard from other educators and schools, "it's life-altering. I have yet to meet anyone who's had a negative experience."

It will be a "first" for the students, but also for Bebie. "I'm 45 years old. I've always wanted to do something like this, to realize how 2/3rds of the world lives. Two-thirds of the world lives in poverty."

Accompanying the students when they fly out on May 5 will be teachers Dave Manduca, Maureen Reesor, Kelly Larkman-Cassell and Mike Viveiros – not just as chaperones, but to participate, lend their own skills where needed, and to learn. Says Bebie, "We're going to learn more about their culture and way of life."

The trip is a big commitment, especially financially. Each participant must raise nearly $6,000, so the group has been fundraising, in an effort to bring down the cost. So far, they've raised about $24,000 towards a goal of $35,000.

A Halloween Dance/auction raised about $16,000; the Drive-a-Ford fundraiser, another $3,500. On Saturday, March 24, the students will be holding a fundraising Bottle Drive, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. They'll be going door to door, asking for donations of refundable bottles – and inviting residents to drop off donations at the school, on Melbourne Drive. For info, call 905-775-4841.

It's all organized by the students. "The kids are really excited. They're real leaders in our community," says Bebie.

Bradford Storm

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Spaghetti Dinner for ORI

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annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser will take place on Saturday, March 31 at the Bradford Legion Hall, 115 Back St. The evening includes a Spaghetti Dinner, fabulous Silent Auction, raffles and sales of items, with sittings at 5 and 6:30 p.m. Adults $12, children $8, preschoolers $5. All welcome.

For more information, see ***www.facebook.com/events/216548628433933*** Note: Marcia will be leading her own Team in 2013. Anyone interested in a service trip to work with orphans in Guatemala is asked to contact her.

Mardi Gras in Innisfil

Experience the tastes and sounds of a Colombian Carnaval Celebration at Davidson's Country Dining Restaurant, on Saturday, March 24. Davidson's is hosting a Mardi Gras-themed Benefit Gala to support Fundación Eudes, a non-profit organization in Bogota, Colombia, that helps those facing poverty and social stigma because of a medical condition or illness. The Benefit Gala will feature a Cajun-inspired dinner, live entertainment and a silent auction, all for just $40 per person. For details, or to reserve tickets, call Davidson's Country Dining Restaurant at 705-436-1476.

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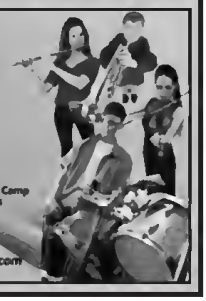

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Deaths

LANGFORD, Stewart William - Peacefully passed away at home, on the farm he loved, with family at his side on Saturday, March 10, 2012 at 81 years of age. Dearly missed by his beloved wife Ruth, life's fun partner of 59 years. Loving dad to Paul, Judy and her husband Peter, and the late Jane. Dear brother of the late Keith. Remembered fondly by his son-in-law Bernard Olsen and much loved grandpa to Katie and Logan. Dear brother-in-law to Mrs. Ella Langford, Mrs. Shirley Fancy and the late Albert Fancy. He was a special uncle to Bill and Maria Langford, Don and Sandra Langford, David and Michelle Langford and the late Peter Langford; Lynda Fancy, Laurence and Linda Fancy, Robert and Terri Fancy and their families. He'll be missed by his cousins, many wonderful friends and his faithful pal Russell. Friends called at **SKWARCHUK FUNERAL HOME,** Bradford for visitation. A Masonic Service was held under the auspices of Simcoe Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 79, G.R.C. Funeral service was held at the St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2940 10th Sideroad, Bradford on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at 11 a.m. Interment Bond Head Cemetery. In Stewart's memory, donations may be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Ontario to continue new and innovative research to keep our hearts healthy or to the charity of your choice.

"I believe when a man grows old and sums up his days, he should be able to stand tall and feel pride in the life he's lived. I believe in farming because it makes all this possible."

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LATOSZEK, Wieslaw "Victor" - Passed away suddenly in Bradford on Monday, March 12, 2012. Victor Latoszek of Bradford at 57 years of age. Beloved husband of Ewa. Dear father of Przemek "P.J." and Emilie (Nando) Perruzza. Dear brother of Zygmunt and late Andrzej Latoszek, Miroslawa Piecyk and Ewa Wojtowicz. Friends may call at **SKWARCHUK FUNERAL HOME**, 30 Simcoe Rd., Bradford for visitation on Thursday from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Mass will be held at the Holy Martyrs of Japan Church, 187 Essa St., Bradford on Friday, March 16, 2012 at 11 a.m. Interment Holy Martyrs Cemetery, Bradford.

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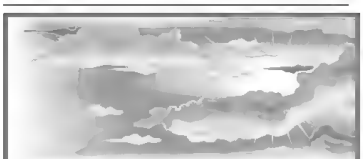

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Deaths

LEDLIE, John Ivan — John Ivan Ledlie, born May 17, 1928 passed peacefully into the Lord's presence at Bradford Valley surrounded by those who loved him on Saturday, March 3rd, 2012. Son of the late James Ledlie and Florence Jean Irwin of Ireland. Loving husband of Patricia Louisa Ledlie (nee Kirby). Predeceased by son Paul, sister Nora and brother Irwin. Loving brother of Iris (Milt) and brother-in-law to Mae. John always told all he met that he was "a millionaire five times over" and was a devoted father to his 5 children Wayne (Sharon), Mark (Vanessa), David (Tammie), Lorine (Ken) and Tim. He will be cherished always in the hearts of his 14 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and his many nieces and nephews. John was a 35-year employee of Bell Canada and retired in 1983 to enjoy a few of his passions in life with his family. A celebration of John's remarkable life will take place in Newmarket at Victory Baptist Church, 18408 Yonge St., on Saturday, March 24th at 2 p.m. The family wishes to sincerely thank the nurses and caregivers at Bradford Valley for their compassionate and loving care of John over the last 10 years. In lieu of flowers, a donation to the charity of your choice would be appreciated.

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Card of thanks

Many Thanks

The family of the late Bernie Russell wish to express their thanks and gratitude for the flowers, cards, donations and words of comfort during the passing of my husband (father). Special thanks to family, friends and Skwarchuk Funeral Home.
- Sandra & Brittney Elliott

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Katarina Merschilz - February 23, 2005
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- Joe, Juanita, Nicole & Lindsey Merschilz

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Community

'Gender Role in Society'

Mohammad Afzal Mirza speaks at World Religions Conference in Bradford, March 8, as Mayor Doug White, Rev. Terry Weller, Deepinder Loomba, Len Rudner, and special guest Newmarket Mayor Tony van Bynen listen.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at has been hosting World Religions Conferences since 1886, bringing together representatives of major world religions to discuss important issues.

The Bradford AMJ community hosted a Conference on March 8, International Women's Day - on the topic: "Gender Role in Society," with Speakers representing Sikhism, Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

The goal was noble. "Does religion reach discrimination based on gender? How can we develop our responsibility, and create harmony and peace?" asked Dr. Hamid Mirza, inviting the speakers to "shed light on the beautiful teachings of their respective faiths."

But the historical perspective was enough to make a feminist cringe.

Deepinder Loomba, Human Rights activist and Sikh, addressed 2 troubling trends - honour killings, and the abortion of girl children. Neither practice, he said, is supported in the Sikh faith; the actions are due to ignorance. In Sikhism, "the role of men and women is equal," he said, noting that Sikhism "always promised an equal position to women... The participation of both genders is needed to complete our ceremonies." There is no religious barrier separating men and women; and while there are barriers of "custom, culture and tradition... There is no discrimination in the name of God."

Man and woman are "like a coin that has 2 different but equal faces," Loomba said. Both men and women are taught the honour of "service" - although women often do their service in the kitchen.

For Len Rudner, a look back shows "how far we have come as a society, and of course, how far we have to go." But talking about gender roles from the Jewish perspective is complicated by the range of Jewish beliefs. At one end are the Ultra-Orthodox, for whom the division between men and women is built into "the very structure of our synagogues," where women never serve as Rabbis and are never called to read the Torah, and where the controversial prayer is still recited by men: "Blessed art Thou, O Lord, who did not make me a woman."

Rudner gave the Talmudic explanation - that it is a blessing to be required to observe the commandments of God, and that more of the 613 commandments in the Old Testament refer to men - but noted that the prayer has been dropped elsewhere.

In Scripture, Rudner said, women - and men - are portrayed in both positive and negative ways. "It's not a question of inconsistency. It's a means of helping us to understand. If people are complex, then scripture needs to be complex." And scripture does not say Man is superior to Woman; there is nothing in Scripture that would prevent a woman from playing any role in society.

Rev. Terry Weller traced many "Christian" gender-based attitudes not to Christ, but to St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians. It was St. Paul who wrote, "The head of every man is Christ, but the head of every woman is her husband," calling for women to always cover their heads in church; "It is shameful for a woman to speak in church;" "Permit no women to teach or have authority over men." Weller said that he was "always surprised" at the gap between the teachings of Christ and those of later saints. Jesus had both male and female disciples, and included women in his parables, as "positive role models of faith which men should follow," Weller said. "He did not differentiate between men and women."

"Fifteen hundred years ago, when Islam began," it took a revolutionary approach to male and female equality, said Muhammad Afzal Mirza: "Women have as much right as men... We're still talking today about rights of women? It's given to you by God! Even if the secular society does not give you what you deserve, it is your right at birth. International Women's Day - it was started 1500 years ago!"

Then he went on to say that men and women are equal - "but different." He suggested women are better caregivers, by their nature. "Gender role is already defined by nature... For females it is to give birth, and provide motherly care and comfort to that child;" for man, it is "to provide sustenance and support."

"Everyone has an ultimate goal to pursue. Your role as a human being is to excel in goodness, whether male or female," Mirza said.

Taking questions from the floor, moderator Mayor Doug White noted that the most-asked question was, "it's International Women's Day - there's no women on the panel?"

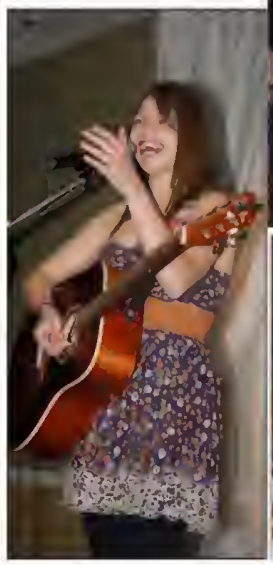
Mirza suggested that women in the AMJ have a "separate" organization for such discussion - but AMJ National President in Canada, Lal Khan Malik promised that next year's panel will include women.

International Women's Day gala

WOMEN, from Page 1

Mayor Doug White and Jose Teixeira, dressed in tuxedos from Timpano, lent a helping hand, as the models stepped from the catwalk onto the dance floor.

Women of all ages - from babes in arms, to grandmothers - came out to celebrate their Day.



Clockwise from top: Mayor Doug White in a tux, with gowns from Esther's Bridal; irridescent brown gown; enjoying the celebration; singer Kelly Moniz at the International Women's Day Spring Fling, Mar. 10.

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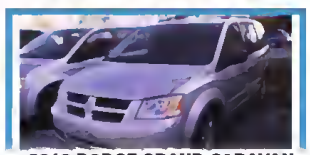
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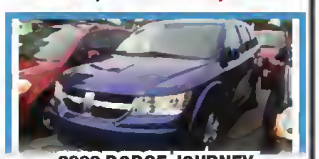
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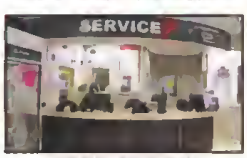

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